

## CLAIM OR CLAIMS

I claim:

8. A vehicle exhaust system hose and coupling assembly comprising:

a suspended pipe;

a flexible hose having a first end and a second end;

a nozzle having an inlet and outlet;

said flexible hose first end being connected to said pipe and  
said flexible hose second end being connected to said nozzle  
outlet;

a tether inside said flexible hose whereby one end of said  
tether is connected to said pipe and the other end of said tether  
is connected to said nozzle, said nozzle having a connector.

9. A vehicle exhaust system hose and coupling assembly of claim 8

wherein said connector is:

a snap ring connected to said nozzle; and

an exhaust pipe adapter which is connected to an exhaust  
pipe, said exhaust pipe adapter containing a seat sized to  
accommodate said snap ring.

10. A vehicle exhaust system hose and coupling assembly of claim 8

wherein said pipe is an elbow.

11. A vehicle exhaust system hose and coupling assembly of claim 9

wherein said suspended pipe is an elbow.

12. A vehicle exhaust system hose and coupling assembly of claim 8 wherein said pipe is an elbow and wherein said nozzle incorporates an elbow.

13. A vehicle exhaust system hose and coupling assembly of claim 9 wherein said suspended pipe is an elbow and wherein said nozzle incorporates an elbow.

14. A vehicle exhaust system hose and coupling assembly comprising:

a snap ring; and

an exhaust pipe adapter which is connected to an exhaust pipe, said exhaust pipe adapter containing a seat sized to accommodate said snap ring.

15. A vehicle exhaust system hose and coupling assembly of claim 8 wherein said connector is:

a circular snap ring with a single cut through said snap ring to accommodate mechanical expansion;

said snap ring being connected to a base at a plurality of points by a plurality of legs;

said base being disposed on said nozzle; and

said snap ring being capable of connecting and disconnecting from a seat which seat is integral to a separate exhaust pipe adapter which said exhaust pipe connector is capable of being attached to a vehicle exhaust pipe.

16. A vehicle exhaust system hose and coupling assembly of claim 15 wherein ambient air is allowed to infiltrate into the inlet of said nozzle.